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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO WALTER REED HOSPITAL OF
FOREIGN NATIONAL

REF: A. LA PAZ 8040; B. LA PAZ 7837; C. STATE A-9211

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DR. ALBERTO CRESPO GUTIERREZ THAT, FOLLOWING A CYSTOSCOPIC EXAMINATION AT THE UROLOGY CLINIC OF WALTER REED HOSPITAL, HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT AN OPERATION IS ADVISABLE. DR. CRESPO PREVIOUSLY WAS OPERATED ON AT THE WALTER REED UROLOGY CLINIC IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1967 AND IN FEBRUARY 1968. HE NOW WISHES TO BE ADMITTED TO WALTER REED HOSPITAL AGAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING HIS PRESENTLY-NEEDED OPERATION. CRESPO HAS REMAINED IN THE WASHINGTON AREA VISITING HIS DAUGHTER.

2. I STRONGLY SUPPORT DR. CRESPO'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO WALTER REED SINCE THERE ARE COMPELLING FACTORS OF US NATIONAL INTEREST. THUS I RECOMMEND REFERRAL OF HIS APPLICATION TO THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WITH DEPARTMENTAL ENDORSEMENT OF HIS REQUEST. AS NOTED IN REFTELS, DR. CRESPO IS ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS, AND AT THE SAME TIME, A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. HE AND HIS FAMILY PLAY AN INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THIS COUNTRY, AT ALL TIMES FAVORING MODERATE, PRO-DEMOCRATIC APPROACHES TO THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING BOLIVIA. DUE TO THE INDEPENDENT POSTURE WHICH HE HAS ADOPTED VIS-A-VIS THE
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PRESENT BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, CRESPO COULD WELL BE CALLED UPON TO

PALY A MAJOR ROLE IN ANY FUTURE ADMINISTRATION, AT WHICH
TIME HIS FRIENDSHIP COULD PROVE TO BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO US.
IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT THE PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED BY
DR. CRESPO'S OPERATIONS AT WALTER REED IN 1967 AND 1968,
TOGETHER WITH SUBSEQUENT OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT WHICH HE
RECEIVED AT GORGAS HOSPITAL IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE, SHOULD W
WEIGH IN FAVOR OF U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF THIS FURTHER,
FOLLOW-UP OPERATION.

3. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE.
DUE TO MY OWN PERSONAL INTEREST IN DR. CRESPO'S CASE,
I WISH TO BE INFORMED PROMPTLY OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS RELATIVE
TO THE DISPOSITION OF THIS REQUEST.
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